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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Victor X. Nguyen.(3) Phyllis K. Kristal.(2) Bui Vy.(4) Hussein Akhavannik.Date of Interview: 10 April 2008.Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yese) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 25, 42, 59, 64, 65 and 82.Identification of prior art discussed: Bachir and Evans.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: General discussion with respect to claims 25, 42, 59, 64, 65 and 82. Participants discussed how the arts and claims differ. After receipt of the amendment, further search of the prior art will be conducted.

Victor Nguyen.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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